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Re: Application of Gyoei IWAMOTO and Takehiro KATA
PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A TIRE VULCANIZING MOLD AND
TIRE VULCANIZING MOLD
Assignee: **KABUSHIKI KAISHA BRIDGESTONE**
Our Ref: Q87643

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ nine (9) sheets of drawings.
- ☒ an English translation of Article 34 amendments.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

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Priority is claimed from:

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